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Dear friend

I was so much grieved & troubled - when Maria shewed me your letter of yesterday - that I felt impelled to write to you directly - to express what I feel & tell what I know — ~~I can not think whose~~ - ~~who it is~~ ~~with~~ I am surprised at the statements that have been made to you - & the more as they are in a great measure unfounded — I know that the brethren cannot seem to comprehend that this matter is not in outline & detail entirely in their hands — & I think them ~~rather~~ more given to gossip - ~~about~~ respecting our plans than to give rational advice or substantial aid — I know all about the ~~originations &~~ ~~beginning & ...~~ our plans for these lectures - in our conversations with the Ladies' Society ~~& with~~ I never ~~heard the remotest the~~ heard it suggested that you were not to deliver a proportion of the lectures — The Misses Grimké were invited to lecture - ~~& had~~ ~~published~~

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~~of course~~ — & it was for you to decide
which of you should speak — ~~we may~~
~~supposed that you~~ The Odeon was not
procured for Angelina more than for
yourself — It was procured for the Misses
Grimké — ~~& so our~~ ^the advertisements were
written accordingly —

I know ~~that~~ Angelina is more
popular with ^many of the brethren than
yourself as a speaker — & ^that ~~they~~ wished
~~her to speak~~ ^to hear her ~~lectures~~ ^oftener but I supposed
that after your very successful lecture
at the Odeon they were satisfied with
the arrangement & believe that they ^generally
are ^so ~~mainly satisfied~~ —

I remember perfectly my own impressions
when I first heard you both speak
at "46" — last summer — & I said to
Maria then ~~that~~ - I did thought your
~~style~~ lectures equally interesting but
liked Angelina's manner best —
we thought your tone ~~was~~ peculiarly
& monotonous — I said we will
tell Sarah what we think & if this
be ~~of~~ a fault, it is easily remedied
but Maria said "no — for many like
Sarah best — & perhaps ~~a change~~ ^we should
~~do more~~ ^do harm ~~than good~~ if we should
~~succeed in~~ cause any change —

I heard regret expressed ~~that~~ you said
nothing before the legislature — Many
was sorry — it was fully expected by
comunicated audience that you would
speak there —

I was very desirous myself that
Angelina should deliver the first lec-
ture at the Odeon — because so much ~~many~~
~~went away from the State house disappointed~~
curiosity was excited in hundreds who
did not succeed in hearing her at the
State house & the wish to hear her was
so loudly expressed among the ~~un~~
hitherto ~~unconvinced~~ uninterested Bostonians

Before you had been speaking 5 min-
utes — I liked the arrangement just
as well as if I had ~~done it~~ planned it
my own way — ~~& there is no doubt~~
~~of the~~ for there could not have been a
better lecture — & ~~its faithfulness~~ ~~it was powerful~~ in
~~for~~ tone ~~to~~ faithful & able — it was all we
could ask — ~~& it did~~ & it made the impression
that might have been expected — If I thought
you cared for such things I could give you
testimonials in abundance of the favorable
reception it met — — there was only one fault
~~in it~~ — ~~it~~ which as fault finding seems to be the
order of the day you will permit me to mention
— the giving authorities at length takes up too
much time & makes the lecture about 10 or
15 minutes too long — it would be better to tell
them that you can prove thus & so — but unless
when some startling effect is to be produced by
quotation to save ~~that~~ the time which ~~they~~ it occupies

Mary Chapman begs me to tell you that she thinks just as I do & ~~that~~ you ought not by any means to let ~~Sar~~ Angelina give all the lectures - ~~[illegible]~~ that the effect will be much better & more interest & variety given to them if ~~your sister~~ the original plan is carried out.

____ do not suppose that you made less impression than An- because you were interrupted more — it was Henry Chapman's eloquence & aided by six constables & two watchmen - ~~that~~ & not Angelina's this ~~that~~ was powerful - that so effectually quelled the [illegible] boys of the city - last thursday evening —

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